

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUTNY
BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 20TH, 2016 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That as a regular session of the Legislature of Erie county, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 20th day of October, 2016, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY- the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services – is celebrating its 10th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY was created by a group of local Arab American community members to promote understanding and strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship between members of the Arab American community and people of other nationalities and cultures and to assist in the fight against poverty in the greater Buffalo region; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY'S vision is to empower under-served communities and to bridge the gap between families in need and their communities; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY offers social services and a myriad of assistance opportunities to immigrant and non-immigrant families alike to aid them in the process of becoming a part of the Western New York community; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY'S current staples of assistance include, but are not limited to, helping clients with professional development, domestic violence, parenting, healthcare access, counseling and support, financial assistance, and the needs of our youth; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY is recognized for its outstanding service to the underprivileged, and for strengthening the bonds of faith and friendship between members of Arab American community and people of different cultures and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS WNY is valued in Western New York for carrying out its mission and improving the quality of life for many that are in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to sincerely congratulate **ACCESS WNY** on its 10th anniversary.

Lynne Dixon
Erie County Legislature, 9th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature